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SUBJ IE SHIMA SHOOTING INCIDENT

1. USAF AUTHORITIES ARE CONTINUING INVESTIGATION OF JULY 10 INCIDENT. JAPANESE NATIONAL POLICE ARE CONDUCTING PARALLEL INVESTIGATION WITH APPROPRIATE COOPERATION OF USAF. INFORMATION AVAILABLE NOW INDICATES THAT (1) INCIDENT OCCURED SHORTLY AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF A FIRING EXERCISE WHEN THE VICTIM WITH OTHERS ENTERED RANGE WHICH WAS STILL CLOSED AS PART OF NORMAL SAFETY PROCEDURES (2) VICTIM WAS APPARENTLY COLLECTING EXPENDED BRASS CARTRIDGES (3) GUARDS TRIED TO CHASE

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INTRUDERS FROM RANGE IN ACCORDANCE WITH NORMAL PROCEDURES AND (4) ONE OF THE GUARDS FIRED A FLARE PISTOL STRITING VICTIM AND FRACTURING ARM. THE GUARD TOOK VICTIM TO A NEARBY JAPANESE SECURITY GUARD FOR ASSISTANCE, BUT THE VICTIM THEN APPARENTLY PROCEEDED ON HIS OWN TO A CLINIC FOR TREATMENT.

2. 313TH AIR DIVISION HOPES TO BE ABLE TO MAKE SOFA LINE OF DUTY DETERMINATION AND INFORM JAPANESE AUTHORITIES JULY 15.

3. USAF AUTHORITIES ON JULY 11 PAID CALLS ON VICTIM AND HIS FATHER
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AND ON IE MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES TO EXPRESS REGRET AND SYMPATHY.

4. JULY 12 LOCAL PRESS CONTINUED FRONT PAGE COVERAGE OF INCIDENT
STRESSING VARIOUS PROTESTS AND ALLEGATIONS THAT INCIDENT DEMONSTRATES
QTE BATTLEFIELD MENTALITY UNQTE OF US TROOPS.
REPORTS NOTED THAT DEFENSE FACILITIES AGENCY BUREAU (DFAB) HAD
DECIDED NOT TO MAKE IMMEDIATE SOLATIUM PAYMENT SINCE INJURY
MINOR. CONGEN HAS RECEIVED NUMEROUS PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR
APPOINTMENTS TO DELIVER PROTEST RESOLUTIONS.
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